

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SPACE
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2290
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MISSION TO MOON PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether some countries have offered their cooperation in the Mission to Moon Programme;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (ADDITIONAL CHARGE) (SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE):

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Space agencies of some countries viz. Russia, Germany, Canada and European Space Agency have shown interest to collaborate in the Indian Moon Mission programme. In addition, scientific groups from Germany, UK, and USA have also proposed scientific experiments for this mission.
- (c) While the requests and offers from other countries are being examined by ISRO, an Announcement of Opportunity (AO) inviting proposals on new ideas of experiments/studies is being issued, addressed to scientists all over the world. Proposals received against this AO will be processed for selection.